

REMARKS

Following entry of this amendment, claims 2-11 and 17-19 will be pending and will be identical to the claims allowed in the parent application, U.S. Application Serial No. 09/700,820. Original claims 1 and 12-16 have been canceled. Claims 2-11 have been amended. Claims 17-19 are new. Support for the term "secretable" added to several of the claims can be found in original claim 1. The remaining amendments to claims 2-11 merely correct grammatical errors and/or clarify the language.

New claims 17 and 18 are supported by original claim 1, as well as the specification, e.g., at p.6, lines 26-27. The phrase "isolating or identifying" is generally supported at p.13, lines 12-32, which discloses analyzing the DNA by (1) isolating and sequencing it or (2) amplifying and sequencing it, then comparing the sequence to known sequences.

New claim 19 is supported by original claim 13 and also in the specification, e.g., at p.13, line 32-p.14, line 8.

New claims 17-19 are identical to claims 17-19 filed in the parent application by preliminary amendment on August 7, 2002.

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The specification is amended to correct three instances where "ml" should have been "μl". That "μl" was intended would have been apparent to anyone familiar with volumes typically used in PCR, and from the context.

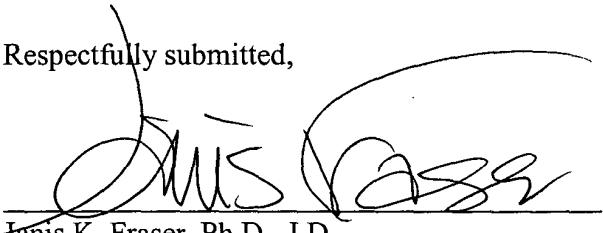
The abstract is amended as in the parent application.

Applicants ask that all claims be examined.

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Amendments to the Drawings:

Replace the drawings with the seven sheets of formal drawings (enclosed).